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Hi Scott:

I've never talked to Sona about this matter, so I'm copying her on this message.

I think Valentina Cabrera-Stagno is Water Division's representative to the SJV Strategic Plan, and she's aware of my perspective.

It would be great if the SP for the SJV could reflect these challenges and opportunities because poor land-use management is the unspoken obstacle to restoring the SJ River watershed..

Thanks, Tim

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Thanks Tim. Is this on Sona's radar, as she is the R9 lead for the SJV Strategic Plan which cuts across programs? If we include action items related to this in the SP, then it gets on Jared's radar.

-- scott

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Hi Scott:

For good measure, I'm sending you briefing papers we recently prepared for LPJ on Bay Delta and California's impaired waters.

As you know, the farms in the SJV consume a great deal of the water diverted from the Delta, and the SJ River watershed is adversely affected by contaminated agricultural discharges resulting from prevailing irrigation practices. These factors are key to the many of the WQ impairments we see in the Central Valley and Bay Delta.

In addition, we should be engaging Westside mayors in discussion about ways to make their communities safer from flood damage while also contributing to the restoration of the SJ River watershed. Under the Central Valley Flood Management Planning Program, DWR acknowledged that the low lying areas on the Valley floor are vulnerable to flooding, and this risk will only increase as Climate Change brings us more intense rainstorms. Many if not most of the residents in these communities are in complete denial about this risk, and they're extremely protective of property rights and anti-government. But agencies and NGOs should be working together to establish large flood bypasses on the Westside patterned after the Yolo Bypasses. Landowners could be compensated for lost farmland through a mix of Farm Bill payments and incentives generated through "environmental markets." Such measures could both secure the infrastructure of the small communities and give a boost to the recovery of the SJ River. The agencies have been reluctant to take this on; is EPA any different?

Thanks, Tim

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to our national "Water Is Worth It..." montage

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Scott et. al.
Paper re: dw in the Fresno area will come later tonight directly from Corine. The first draft needs to be revised.
Thanks for your patience.

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As part of Jay's visit to Fresno, he is meeting with the "Westside" mayors (mayors from Mendota, San Joaquin, Kerman, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Huron, and Fresno). I hear they will discuss water infrastructure/delivery and the challenges they face as rural/agriculture communities on the Westside of Fresno County. I am putting together SC2-Fresno materials. Perhaps WTR can provide the water info?

Thanks,

-- scott

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All -

Please see OCIR Arnita Hannon's initial request attached below. Arnita is helping the White House Intergovernmental Office (WH IG) get ready for a meeting with Mayor Ashley Swarengin and Fresno area folks

this Friday. Arnita is requesting we provide her with Hot Issues for the Mayor and for SC2.

Please send whatever you can (i.e. brief bullets) by COB tomorrow, Wednesday, so that I can forward on to Arnita on Thursday.

Thanks.

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Hi Megan and thanks sooo much for sharing this with John and for the info on Matt!

Congratulation to Matt on this great detail!

You're very welcome and hope all's well!

Arnita

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Arnita, I'm copying John Frece who might have some thoughts from his work on the SC2 effort in Fresno. Matt is on vacation--and fyi, he's also about to leave on a detail to the White House to serve as Deputy Director of the SC2 initiative.

Let me know how else I can help, and thanks for reaching out to us,  
Megan

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Hi!

Helping WH IG get ready for a meeting with Mayor Swarengin and Fresno area folks this Friday. Might you all please send along any issues (just brief bullets will work) on the mayor and for the Fresno area? Also include updates on the great SC2 work. Thx so much!

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